fall in the number of cases. During the period from 2001 to 2005, the number of cases of dengue reported rose to the highest, *i.e.* 12754 in the year 2003, which declined to 4153 in the year 2004 and in the current year the States have reported 9463 cases of Dengue. The cases of Meningitis are generally seen throughout the year, however in the current year there was an increase in the cases of Meningococal meningitis during April to June.

(b) to (d) No shortage of the Meningitis vaccine has been reported in the country. There is no vaccine available for prevention of Dengue.

Trauma centres

1137. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have come up with trauma project to take care of highway accidents;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (c) 'Health' being a State subject under the Constitution of India, it is for the State Government to set up trauma centres to take care of highway accidents keeping in view their priorities and availability of resources.However, Ministry of Health and Family Welfare provides financial assistance to a maximum of Rs.1.50 crores for upgradation and strengthening of emergency facilities in the Government Hospitals located on National Highways.

Anaemia in women and children

1138. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that according to the national family health survey-II, 51.8 per cent of women and 75 per cent of children are suffering from iron deficiency anaemia; and

(b) if so, the corrective steps taken by Government keeping in view the seriousness of the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) According to National Family Health Survey (NFHS)-II of 1998, 51.8% of ever married